



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Precipitation was received throughout the vast majority of the state in the latter half of last week, yet dry conditions persisted in most of the San Luis Valley and in the southeast corner of Colorado. Planting activities occurred at an elevated pace last week with a notable level of progress made by week's end. Reporters noted improved field and crop conditions in localities that received adequate precipitation. Overall, mountain snowpack was 93 percent of average as of May 8. Farmers were allowed 5.6 days in the field for spring operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	15	34	49	2
Last Week	19	41	40	0
Last Year	19	28	51	2

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	24	32	43	1
Last Week	25	33	42	0
Last Year	33	40	26	1

**Small Grains:** Eighty-four percent of the spring wheat acreage was seeded as of late last week, up from 58 percent previously and 41 percent was emerged, compared with 48 percent last year and the average of 43 percent. Spring barley was 90 percent seeded and 59 percent had emerged, up from the previous values of 81 percent and 41 percent, respectively. Forty-nine percent of winter wheat has reached the jointing stage, up 14 percentage points from the week prior and 14 percent of the crop was headed, compared with none last year and 16 percent on average.

**Row Crops:** Corn plantings ended last week ahead of average and last year, with 64 percent in the ground. This is up 29 percentage points from last week's 35 percent. Dry bean plantings began last week ending with 3 percent planted. Up from 72 percent previously, 92 percent of the onion crop was planted by week's end. Potatoes outside the San Luis Valley were 76 percent planted, ahead of 47 percent last year and 51 percent on average and 21 percent were emerged, ahead of 4 percent last year and the average of 13 percent. Thirteen percent of the

intended potato acreage inside the San Luis Valley was planted as of last week, behind 30 percent last year and 24 percent on average. Fourteen percent of the sorghum crop was in the ground by week's end, compared with none last year and the average of 9 percent. Sugarbeet plantings and development progressed rapidly last week. Ninety-one percent was planted by late last week, compared with last year's 40 percent and the five-year average of 72 percent. Up from 12 percent last week, 41 percent of the crop was emerged, ahead of 4 percent last year and 22 percent on average.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 11, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Spring Barley</b>					
This Week	4	5	13	37	41
Last Year	1	1	48	34	16
<b>Winter Wheat</b>					
This Week	22	16	33	26	3
Last Year	24	24	36	14	2

**Pasture and Range:** Pasture and range conditions were rated 59 percent fair to good across the State. Last year, 33 percent was rated fair to good while 61 percent is fair to good on average.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 11, 2014

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2014	13	27	30	29	1
Prev. Year - 2013	40	25	23	10	2
5-Year Avg.	14	21	33	28	4

**Livestock:** Ninety-seven percent of cows have calved and 94 percent of the ewes have lambed since January 1. Death losses for cattle and sheep were mostly average to light. Stored feed supplies were rated mostly adequate to short.

## Spring 2014 Calving and Lambing

	2014	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	97	93
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	94	94

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending May 11, 2014

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	64	35	29	56
Emerged	4	1	1	9
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Planted	3	-	-	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	92	72	87	93
<b>Potatoes</b>				
Outside SLV				
Planted	76	50	47	51
Emerged	21	10	4	13
Inside SLV				
Planted	13	N/A	30	24
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Planted	14	6	-	9
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	90	81	86	90
Emerged	59	41	57	61
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	84	58	77	78
Emerged	41	30	48	43
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	91	62	40	72
Emerged	41	12	4	22
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Planted	1	-	2	3
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Jointed	49	35	25	69
Headed	14	2	-	16

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Livestock</b>	0	3	28	63	6

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.